



Surfers Paradise BRIDGE CLUB AT BENOWA

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Note from the President

Disability Parking:

Following consultation with Gold Coast City Council it is apparent that the `wheelchair only` sign over the disabled parking bay outside of the sliding door entry is now obsolete and will shortly be removed.

However, as caring and thoughtful members we should be very mindful to those members who are far more physically disabled than us and that we only use those spots if absolutely necessary – a good guide would be that if you can go to the supermarket and walk around doing your shopping then perhaps you would be able to walk the 30 metres from the top disabled spots.

Please consider that it is virtually impossible to unload and sit in a wheelchair in the top carpark bays – due to lack of spaces between parks – however, should present problems continue I will seek from Council correction of parking area in the top carpark – which will reduce parking numbers – something we do not need. Please be considerate.

Kitchen closure – Finances:

As we progress from the closure of the Kitchen it is apparent that some discussion and opinions are being expressed as to what should happen to the `pot of gold` we are acquiring. I am happy to discuss our financial position with any member – at an appropriate time.

Firstly, lets be very clear – it is not the intention of this committee to keep accumulating funds – we have an amount we require – at present we are below that amount – due to heavy recent expenditure –

ie. Long Service leave payment to both Jenny and Helen ; the repair of two toilet drains and repair to storm water outlet;

Payment of levies to both ABF and QBA.

Congress prize money has also been increased – those that played the Novice / Restricted congress and won should have noticed they received more than in the past.

What needs to be understood though is that without the input of Jobkeeper and ATO Grants, our funds would have been seriously depleted over this past year – accordingly, the Kitchen would have had to close far earlier than it did.

Under our lease arrangement with Gold Coast City Council we have a continuing obligation to maintain our Building to the standard it was built – it requires constant expenditure.

The impact of every negative Covid restriction, eg. Masks requirement – has a major effect on our income.

It will be some months before we can see what the cash flow impact of no Kitchen is and quite possibly will be a matter for the next committee.

Meanwhile, we have an obligation to maintain good governance of the Club's affairs.

As we have progressed from temperature checks (with proviso they may return if we are required to) on behalf of the committee I wish to thank those members who have volunteered their time to ensure correct entry procedure was maintained.

Also, a big thank you to Joan Phillips who has asked to be relieved of partnership organiser duties – Many thanks. Dianne Venter has taken over these duties.

Club Championship Pairs:

Congratulations to Nimal Weerasinghe and Neven Burica who won our Club Championship Pairs on Wednesday. Very worthy winners after leading from early stages of the qualifying rounds.

I have requested that our Head of Director's add a relevant ruling for each newsletter – which all members should familiarise themselves with – These are important - as follows:

Directors

DUMMY

What is dummy allowed to do:

To give information when the Director is at the table as to fact and Bridge Laws.

Keep count of tricks won and lost.

Play cards from Dummy as directed by declarer.

Bring attention to an irregularity **after** the play of the hand is complete.

Call the Director after another player has drawn attention to an irregularity.

Dummy can ask declarer only, when he has failed to follow suit, whether he has a card in the suit led.

Dummy may try to prevent an irregularity.

What is dummy not allowed to do:

Bring attention an irregularity while the hand is being played.

Call the Director if another player has not drawn attention to an irregularity first.

Not indicate anything about the playing of the hand to declarer, by gesture, facial expression, touching cards (except to tidy dummy), or by placement of his hand(s).

If dummy violates any of the above he Director should be called, as the Director may award an adjusted score or Procedural Penalty against dummy.

Further, Paul Brake of Gold Coast Bridge Club, has written a piece on ` Dummy ' – we intend to place these on each table for your learning – it is most important that we – when ` dummy ' follow the laws.

Promotions

Graduate Master : Dianne McGregor, Ian Murphy, Ian Sandeman **Club Master :** Philip Green

Local Master : 15 pts : Dianne Potter, Allan Toohey, Arthur Botterill, Robyn Moller, Glenis Smith

Bronze Local Master : 25 pts : Peter Cooper, John Rolls, Jen Christie, Justine Digance

Silver Local Master : 35 pts : Brian Cummins, Pauline Greig

Regional Master : 50 pts : Marjory Tyson

State Master : Peter Wyber

Bronze State Master : Dimity Burke, Janice Darlington

Bronze Regional Master : John Wilson, Marilyn Hancock, Dianne Venter

National Master : Julie Nyst

New Members

We welcome: Adrienne Bassani, Deborah Carroll, Laurie Craven, Christine Dawes, Linda Dixon, Annette Foster, Kathie Grant, Malcolm Grant, Julie Hill, Sandra Ingwersen, Kay Sylvester, Sylvia Trankalis, Peter Thomson, Tom Lyons, Peter Lyons, Helen Hordern and Susan Green.

Education Report

Beginners Lessons commence Saturday 3^{1st} July 2021 (Dimity Burke).

Improvers Course also commences on Saturday 29th May 2021 and runs for 12 weeks – they will be very ably conducted by John Wilson.

Andy Hung – hopefully we can host Andy in June – all these border restrictions permitting.

NB: the committee has agreed to subsidise these lessons.

Upcoming Events

Friday 14th & 21st May	Red Point Eclectic		
Monday 31st May	G N O T Heat 3	(Yet to be determined if we can have Walk – Ins on this day)	
7th June	G N O T Heat 3	(Yet to be determined if we can have Walk – Ins on this day)	
14th June	G N O T Heat 3	(Yet to be determined if we can have Walk – Ins on this day)	
Monday 21st June	Club Championship Teams – Qualifying	ALL DAY	WALK – INS ?
Thursday 17th & 24th June	Red Point Eclectic		
Monday 28th June	Club Championship Teams – FINAL	ALL DAY	
Saturday 17th July	SPBC Imp Pairs Congress	ALL DAY	TO BE DETERMINED IF CAN FIT WALK - INS
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Sunday 18th July	SPBC Teams Congress	ALL DAY	TO BE DETERMINED IF CAN FIT WALK - INS
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Sunday 25th July	G C Zone Teams of 3	@ S P B C	ALL DAY

